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The City Council have at last agreed upon the wording of their petition to the Crown, and it does certainly now present a better appearance than in its first reading. There may be some, who, considering we have a House of Assembly, a Legislative Council, and a Governor for the management of the affairs of the Colony, may be disposed to think that the Council, in undertaking to do business with the Home Government, are applying to the wrong quarter. It will be thought that any grievances the Council may have to complain of might be more properly inquired into and disposed of by those to whom the government of this Colony has been entrusted. This view of the case would be perfectly correct had our Legislature the same powers as those possessed for example by the Eastern Provinces of British North America. In one important particular however, our Government have their hands tied, and that is in respect to the public land. We have a Legislature with law-making powers, but they can make no law for the management of what ought to be the property of the Colony. The Home Government, or the Hudson Bay Company—for in some respects it is hard to tell which—still retain that. The Governor, as the representative of the Crown, has the control and disposal of it in this Colony. The Corporation, therefore, in first applying to His Excellency for the purpose of having handed over to them the public reserves contained within or immediately adjoining the city limits, did what was required of them. As our trustees it was and is their manifest duty to endeavor to obtain from the Crown the control of that property which was evidently intended for city purposes.

The Governor however has disclaimed having any power to comply with their demands, virtually leaving them no other alternative than to apply directly to the Home Government. It may be said that by a little patience they would get all they seek without having recourse to so extreme a measure. That may be so, but we think there has already been enough of delay. The Governor although unable to hand over the property sought by the Council, has yet power to manage it and may through his agents, enter into arrangements with regard to it that may prove a source of great public convenience. While thus admitting the right and duty of the Corporation to apply to the Crown for redress, we cannot say that they have kept within the strict letter of that duty. We do not see what the Government at home have got to do with the fact of Victoria paying the greater part of the Colonial taxes and that these taxes instead of being expended in the city are applied to the construction of suburban roads, even though they do improve the property of officials, as is set forth in the second clause of the petition. The monies are so voted by our representatives in the House of Assembly. If they have thus allowed our taxes to be misappropriated, the remedy is in our own hands, and we should turn them out. This is the reply the Council will receive in reference to any matter in their petition which it is now within the province or power of our House of Assembly to remedy. The fourth clause brings a very grave though if not supported by ample and convincing evidence, very vague charge against those concerned in the management of the Crown lands. It may be questioned indeed whether the Council in making these charges are not traveling out of their province. If they can connect them in any way with city property and can give such proof of their case as would be accepted in a court of law, then they may proceed. General assertions however unsupported by reliable testimony are in a case like this not worth the paper they are written on. The mere fact of any man in an official position having acquired a large quantity of land and grown rich by the rise in its value, is not in itself a crime as Councillor Copland would seem to imagine. We do not see any good reason why people should be envious of old settlers who have had the fortune to expend their money on real estate in the island at a time when others feared to invest. But while this is the case no one can defend any official making use of his position to obtain advantages denied to the public. We have before now had occasion to condemn such trickery and shall always do so when we see good cause. The allusion in clause five to the disposal of lands belonging to the Crown or which should belong to it, since negotiations have been pending between the Home Government and the Hudson's Bay Company, it supported by testimony which we suppose there will be no difficulty in obtaining if proper exertion is made, may have the effect of somewhat hastening the settlement of this *causa questra*.

It has now been quite long enough pending, and the sooner it is disposed of the better it will be for the country. With regard to the alteration of the official maps by which reserves for streets and squares have been converted into town lots and sold, we want a full investigation; immense injury has been done to the city by the manner in which the public thoroughfares have been turned into a sort of blind alleys. We want to know something of the water frontage at the end of View street, Yates street, Cormorant street, etc. We want to know by what authority the Hudson Bay Company have undertaken to dispose of this property. If they have exceeded their powers, the public should know if there is not some means of obtaining compensation for the wrong they have done the city. These are matters which the Council do well in bringing before the notice of the Home Government, in order that they may be thoroughly inquired into and settled once for all. In order however that their application may have its full effect it must, as we have above remarked, be supported by evidence that cannot be refused. Plain sober facts, calmly and temperately set forth, must take the place of that wild and groundless declamation that deliberative assemblies now and then indulge in.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL THE 18th inst., for the erection of a Dead House on the Indian Reserve. Plans and specifications to be had at the Office. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

W. W. PEASE,

Lands and Works Department, 10th June, 1863.

# THE BRITISH COLONIST

Friday Morning June 12 1863.

## AUCTION SALES TO DAY.

J. A. MCNREA will sell at 11 a. m. on account of which it may concern, Golden Age Flour, Baker's Extra, Brooms, Split Peas, Dried Apples, Cheese, Pilot Bread, Tobacco Hams, etc.

J. P. DAYBES & CO. will sell at 11 a. m. at Salesroom, Wharf street, Furniture, Looking Glasses, Clocks, a lot of office Furniture, etc., etc.

ALLIED INHUMANITY.—Information has reached us from the Sound, through a reliable person, that four seamen were put on shore at Clallam Bay, on the other side of the Straits, some two or three days since, from the bark W. B. Scranton. The men say that the captain of that vessel not only denied them their clothing, but refused a loaf of bread to keep them from starving. Three of the sailors arrived at Port Angeles on Thursday morning, after great suffering, and the fourth is believed to have perished from starvation and exhaustion. This conduct of the captain of the W. B. Scranton can only be accounted for by accepting the statement of the sailors, that he was grossly intoxicated at the time. The sailors state that one of their number had a difficulty with the mate on the way up from San Francisco, but it was settled. The vessel sailed for Port Angeles on the 11th, the Captain observed the mate had his hand bare, and upon enquiry of the mate the cause was, informed of the difficulty referred to, whereupon the captain swore he would fix the man before he got to San Francisco, using abusive and threatening language. Soon after he called upon all the men to sign a certificate, stating that they would waive and forego all right to appear against the officers of the vessel for any difficulty that had occurred either on the way up, or to the time of their arrival in San Francisco. The men refused to sign it, as they did not know what treatment they would be subjected to. The Captain then struck the man in the manner referred to, forcing him to sign the certificate. Three of the men travelled until they came to the Elkhorn, and obtaining assistance there, went in search of their exhausted comrade, but were unable to find him. We trust for the sake of humanity that a rigid inquiry will be instituted into this affair.

BALL PRACTICE.—H. M. S. Topaze proceeded yesterday morning to the Straits for the purpose of exercising the crew in ball practice. She reached Royal Bay about 12 o'clock, and commenced firing at 600 up to 1000 yards, at a drifting target about 4 feet x 6 feet, which was completely riddled. At two o'clock another target was set in Royal Roads, and the Armstrong gun was brought to bear at 1000 yards, which did wonderful execution. Some splendid firing was also made with shot. With the help of the men, the targets were easily hit at this great distance. We cannot speak in too high terms of the excellent state of order, discipline, and efficiency at which the men of the Topaze have arrived under their gallant Commodore and officers. The Target will remain outside until this morning.

SUPPOSED DROWNS.—A German named George Andre, employed on board the sloop Anna, has been missing since Sunday week, and is supposed to have been drowned. On the preceding Saturday he was intoxicated and fell in the water, but the captain who slept on shore left him on board on Sunday. On Monday morning Andre was not to be seen, and the Captain concluded that he had gone away. Nothing, however, has been believed that he must have again got drunk on the Sunday evening and fallen in. The water and Messrs. J. Junion, Green & Rhodes' Wharf will be dragged this morning.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—Yesterday morning, at 3:30 a. m., Mr. William W. Tucker, an old and respected fellow-town man, died at his residence in Yates street, from the rupture of a blood-vessel. An inquest was held at 6 p. m. at the Bonnerup Inn, before Dr. Dickson, Conner, and a Jury, and after viewing a body and hearing the testimony of Dr. Trimble, his medical attendant, the Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence. The deceased was a native of the Bermudas, West Indies, and was unmarried. His funeral will take place this day, at 2 o'clock.

FROM BARCLAY SOUND.—The Winged Racer, Capt. Ryder, arrived yesterday from the two elevens who recently met at Colwood, will be played on the Race Course, Beacon Hill. The band of H. M. S. Topaze will be in attendance, and in addition to the interest which is always felt in this fine old English game, will do justice to attract a large number of spectators.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.—The New Westminster publication has now entered upon its second volume, the first number of which appears in an enlarged and improved form.

COAL DEPARTMENT.—A Court of Assize and General Jail Delivery is appointed to be held in the Supreme Court, before the Honourable Chief Justice Cameron, on Wednesday next the 17th inst., when we understand that the various Indian Prisoners will be brought up for trial, on the charge of rebellion, and Robert Williamson will also take his trial upon the charge of shooting and killing Stephen Anderson.

COAL DEPARTMENT.—According to the *Press*, King Victor Emmanuel has sent horses over to England for training, and sent to enter the lists as a competitor for the blue ribbon of the trial at the next Epsom meeting. The names of his horses are not stated.

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